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Koi Inu

Chapter 13: It's Probably Just the May Blues

YOU SURE HAVE IT GOOD, EH YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO STUDY HARD AND YOU'RE ALREADY GETTING OFFERS FROM GOOD COLLEGES.
EVEN IF WE PASS OUR EXAMS, WE CAN'T GET INTO COLLEGE AS EASILY AS YOU CAN.
SHOULDN'T THAT BE GOOD NEWS? I'M A FRESHMAN, AFTER ALL.

GOOD LUCK AT THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT!
I'LL BE SUPPORTING YOU!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD SINCE OUR UPPERCLASSMEN GRADUATED. SHOWING OFF WITH YOUR GRANDSTAND PLAYS.

GRANDSTAND PLAYS? I'M NOT TRYING TO SHOW OFF... IT'S JUST THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO SLOW.
HEY
IGA-CHAN
KITAMOTO...
HOW'S THE VIEW UP THERE?
MUST BE NICE. I'D LIKE TO SEE IT TOO.

BETTER BE CAREFUL THOUGH. GET TOO COCKY AND YOU'LL LOSE THOSE PROSPECTS ON THE HORIZON.
AND BE CAREFUL WITH THAT LEFT LEG ...
LEFT LEG?
IT'S GOING BAD, ISN'T IT?

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JUST A NIGHTMARE

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NOT GOOD
I FELL ASLEEP AT SOME POINT WHILE THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY.

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Hey! You awake yet?

I didn't even realize. I'm sorry!

SORRY CHIYO, I COMPLETELY FELL ASLEEP!

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IF I DECIDE TO FALL ASLEEP NOW

I CAN AVOID TALKING TO HER NOW, RIGHT?

IT'S NOT LIKE SHE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE PAST RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY...

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CHIYO IN THE FIRST PLACE...

I WONDER IF HE ACCIDENTALLY FELL ASLEEP.

OR DID HE...

CAN I ASK YOU ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST?

HE SAID IT WAS OKAY...

YUP, 100% OKAY WITH ME.

I ALSO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.

"I WANT TO TALK TO YOU" ...

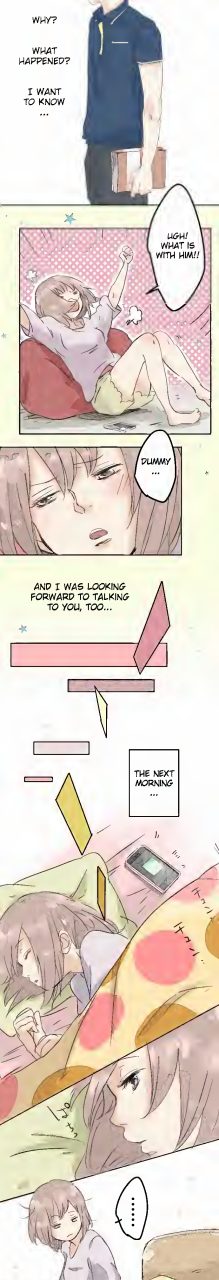
"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN"

DIDN'T HE SAY THAT?

HE CAME TO THIS SPECIFIC COLLEGE LOOKING FOR ME, DIDN'T HE?

I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER REASON WHY HE WOULD, THIS COLLEGE IS PRETTY MUCH ATTENDED BY ONLY PEOPLE FROM MY PREFECTURE.

I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN, BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT SEEING HIM HERE COULD BE A COINCIDENCE...


WHY?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WANT TO KNOW ...
UGH! WHAT IS WITH HIM!!
DUMMY ...
AND I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING TO YOU, TOO...
THE NEXT MORNING ...
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Igarashi Shun
Sorry about yesterday
NO WAY ...
WHY ISN'T HE GIVING AN EXCUSE!?

HE REALLY DID RUN AWAY...
Sorry about yesterday
Good morning
Don't worry about it You fell asleep, and it was weird of me to say that anyway

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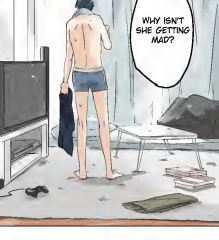
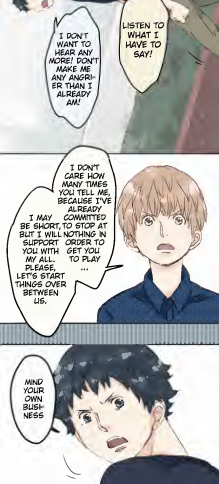
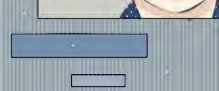

WHY ISN'T SHE GETTING MAD?

STOP PESTERING ME!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
HEY
WAIT A SEC, IGA-CHAN
LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE! DON'T MAKE ME ANY ANGRIER THAN I ALREADY AM!


I DON'T CARE HOW MANY TIMES YOU TELL ME, BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY COMMITTED TO STOP AT NOTHING IN ORDER TO GET YOU TO PLAY ...
I MAY BE SHORT, BUT I WILL SUPPORT YOU WITH MY ALL. PLEASE, LET'S START THINGS OVER BETWEEN US.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
GYM-NASIUM #1
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.


YOU CAN GET A FULL VIEW OF THE COURT THERE, BLOCKHEAD...

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TO HELL WITH THIS ...
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I'M DEAD ...

WELL WELL, WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?
SHUN?
RYOUHEI!
RYOUHE!!!!!! PULL SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR POUCH FOR ME LIKE DORAEMON!! PULL SOMETHING!!
'PULL WHAT ...'
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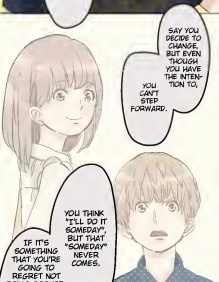
THE MAY BLUES?

ALRIGHT, HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU.

IF THE WORLD WERE TO END THREE DAYS FROM NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
EAT NOTHING BUT JUNK FOOD.
SPEND ALL MY MONEY.
AND THEN SPEND THE TIME I HAVE LEFT WITH THE GIRL I LIKE.

SO BASICALLY INDULGE IN YOUR DESIRES...

THAT'S EXACTLY MY POINT. IN FACING GENERAL YOU STRAIGHT IN THE EYES. YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST ACT AS IF IT IS.
EVEN THOUGH DEATH ISN'T...
IF YOU DON'T, WHAT'LL HAPPEN IS, WELL


SAY YOU DECIDE TO CHANGE, BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE INTENTION TO, YOU CAN'T STEP FORWARD.
YOU THINK "I'LL DO IT SOMEDAY", BUT THAT "SOMEDAY" NEVER COMES.
IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET NOT DOING SOONER, YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO DRAG YOUR FEET IN THE MUD GETTING WORRIED ABOUT SMALL PROBLEMS. BUT THAT'S JUST MY OPINION.

DID YOU COME FROM THE FUTURE OR SOMETHING!?
THAT'S KIND OF AMAZING. DID YOU READ MY MIND!?
PFFT
Pachaaan!

YOU HAD A DEPRESSED LOOK ON YOUR FACE. DEPRESSED ABOUT WHAT? I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I KNEW IT WAS PROBABLY SOMETHING I COULD FIX WITHOUT PULLING OUT A MAGICAL TOOL.

...RYOUEMON

to be continued...